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## GENERAL

1. Rumors of Turkish-Soviet pact denied--US Embassy Ankara transmits its opinion that reports of a pending Turkish-Soviet non-aggression pact have no basis in fact.

(CIA Comment: CIA agrees with Embassy Ankara. The Turks might be willing to sign a friendship pact with the USSR, in the unlikely event that the latter withdrew its claims to Turkish territory and abandoned its demands for special privileges in the Straits. However, Turkey would not agree to any treaty which might prejudice its relations with the US or its alliance with the UK.)

2. Favorable western reaction to President's speech--Ambassador Kirk in Brussels reports that the Foreign Ministers of the UK, France, and the Benelux countries all have expressed admiration at the frankness of the President's message to Congress and their feeling that President Truman has done everything in his power to assist the western European union.

## EUROPE

3. FRANCE: Growing optimism on French internal situation--US Ambassador Caffery reports that a number of French Cabinet Ministers and high officials have told him that they are encouraged by President Truman's message to Congress and believe that its initial reaction has been to bolster the morale of anti-Communists in France. The Political Bureau of the Communist Party has reacted bitterly to the speech. A high official of the French Interior Ministry predicts, however, that there will be no Communist offensive in France in the next few weeks. He believes that, barring a serious deterioration of the French economy or a serious decline in the international situation resulting from developments in Italy, the French Communists will find it difficult to launch a successful general offensive even after the Italian elections.

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4. GREECE: US Embassy views on Greek-US-UK staff talks--  
US Embassy Athens believes that it would be a serious mistake for the US and UK to refuse outright the Greek Government's request for staff talks (on joint plans for the use of Greek, US, and UK forces on Greek territory in the event of offensive action by the Soviet bloc). The Embassy feels that under such circumstances: (a) the US might find itself in a highly embarrassing position as a result of the limitation it has imposed on the size and equipment of the Greek armed forces; and (b) it would be even more difficult to explain the refusal to inaugurate staff talks prior to the event on the grounds that "the time was not appropriate." The Embassy emphasizes the gravity and urgency of the Greek situation and expresses the opinion that the present margin of safety does not warrant proceeding on the basis of limited commitments.

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